(c) Introduction of video conferencing as a mode to record statements of under trials whose personal presence is dispensed with, would facilitate speedy trial. In addition, it would also minimise the risk of escape of prisoners during transit from judicial custody to courts, and optimise utilisation of escort personnel

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Pending cases in Allahabad High Court

†2043. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state.

(a) the details of the courts under the jurisdiction of Allahabad High Court and Azamgarh District Court in which cases are pending for the last 3, 5, 7 and 10 years; and

(b) the steps being taken/guidelines being issued for speedy verdict disposal of the above cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being obtained from Allahabad High Court and on receipt of the information, it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases pending in Courts

2044 SHRI AMAR SINGH Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) the existing number of the the cases pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts;

(b) the number of cases pending for the last ten years,

(c) whether Government have identified the reasons for the pendency of the cases for such a long time, and

(d) the steps Government propose to take for early disposal of the cases?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi